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2011 Potato Production

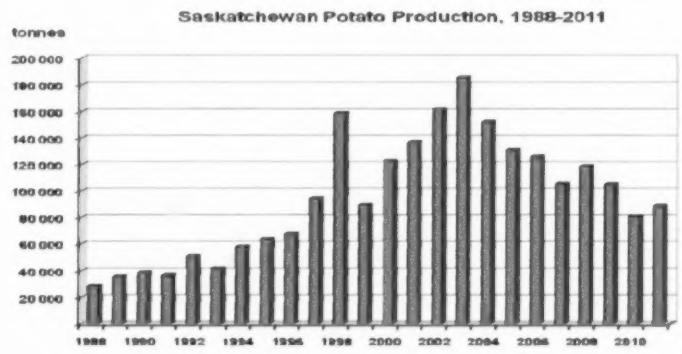
Statistics Canada's estimate of potato production places **Saskatchewan** potato production at 88 906 tonnes, an increase of 9.8% from revised 2010 production. It was a great growing year, with above average yields. Seeded acres were down from 2010, mainly due to instability in the market.

Production in **Western Canada** is estimated at 1.7 million tonnes, up 6.9% from revised 2010 production. The increase is due to increased harvested area in British Columbia, Alberta, and Manitoba and increased yields in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Eastern Canadian production is estimated at 2.5 million tonnes, down 11.0% from revised 2010 production. The decrease is due to decreased harvested area in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario and decreased yields in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and Ontario.

Potato production in **Canada** for 2011 is estimated at 4.2 million tonnes, down 4.3% from revised 2010 production.

Ontario experienced the greatest yield decrease from the previous year with yields down 19%, followed by New Brunswick where yields were down 17%. British Columbia showed the greatest production increase, up 68% from last year, as they returned to a more normal harvest season after a very difficult fall in 2010. The value of the Canadian potato crop broke the billion dollar mark for the third year in a row.



Potato Acreage and Production

		Planted Area	Harvested Area	Yield	Production
		acres		t/ac	tonnes
Saskatchewan	2011	7 000	7 000	12.7	88 906
	2010	7 500	7 000	11.6	80 968
Western Canada	2011	140 300	133 800	13.0	1 745 816
	2010	134 500	123 500	13.2	1 633 187
Eastern Canada	2011	220 800	214 400	11.5	2 456 924
	2010	222 000	219 500	12.6	2 760 065
Canada	2011	361 100	348 200	12.1	4 202 740
	2010	356 500	343 000	12.8	4 393 252

Saskatchewan Potato Acreage and Production, 1988-2011

	Area		Yield		Production		Farm
	Planted	Harvested	Planted	Harvested	Total	Marketed	Value
	acres		tonnes/acre		tonnes		$'000
1988	3 700	3 600	7.8	8.0	28 800	24 700	8 365
1989	4 000	4 000	8.9	8.9	35 600	30 700	11 178
1990	4 200	4 200	9.2	9.2	38 700	33 400	11 637
1991	4 500	4 500	8.2	8.2	36 700	31 800	9 425
1992	4 800	4 800	10.7	10.7	51 200	45 200	13 497
1993	4 500	4 300	9.3	9.7	41 900	36 200	13 057
1994	4 800	4 800	12.0	12.0	57 700	51 800	15 153
1995	6 300	6 100	10.1	10.4	63 600	57 900	19 091
1996	6 900	6 500	9.8	10.4	67 800	59 200	18 618
1997	8 500	8 500	11.1	11.1	94 500	86 800	28 353
1998	13 500	13 200	11.8	12.0	158 700	135 900	38 242
1999	8 000	7 900	11.2	11.3	89 600	81 300	29 431
2000	10 500	10 200	11.7	12.0	122 600	113 900	38 460
2001	12 600	12 300	10.8	11.1	136 700	128 200	52 195
2002	13 000	12 500	12.4	12.9	161 600	150 100	58 899
2003	13 500	13 000	13.8	14.3	185 700	178 000	60 255
2004	12 500	12 000	12.2	12.7	152 410	123 606	34 725
2005	11 000	10 900	11.9	12.0	131 045	114 806	36 787
2006	11 100	10 300	11.4	12.2	126 146	115 169	34 476
2007	9 500	9 500	11.1	11.1	105 598	98 250	35 736
2008	9 500	9 500	12.5	12.5	118 526	109 726	48 919
2009	8 500	8 000	12.4	13.2	105 235	96 299	44 551
2010	7 500	7 000	10.8	11.6	80 968	74 753	37 450
2011	7 000	7 000	12.7	12.7	88 906		

Note: farm value is based on marketed production
n.a.: not available
Source: Statistics Canada